

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

A₁ 4. (Amended) The optical member according to claim 3, wherein the polarizing plate or laminated body containing a polarizing plate is a polarizing plate selected from the group consisting of a reflective type polarizing plate, a transflective layer type polarizing plate, and a polarized light separating polarizing plate.

Please add new claims 5-6 as follows:

A₂ 5. (Amended) The optical member according to claim 3, wherein the polarizing plate or laminated body containing a polarizing plate is a laminated body obtained by laminating a retardation plate with each of the polarizing plate.

6. The optical member of claim 1, wherein the gel ratio is no more than 3%.
